

'Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.'  
SANTA CLAUS  
*Twas the Night Before Christmas, by Clement Clarke Moore*



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# The Bethel Citizen

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## High winds knock out power

By ALISON ALOISIO

High winds caused widespread power outages Monday morning, sending Telstar students home early, and slowing Bethel businesses for a couple of hours.

The power went out twice at both Crescent Park Elementary School and Telstar. CPS first lost electricity at about 3 a.m., and Telstar around 6 a.m., but it was restored soon enough for school to get underway.

But getting students to school was not easy. Fallen trees and wires blocked bus routes on the Middle Intervale and East Bethel roads, as well as near the town beach on South Pond in Greenwood. Drivers took alternate routes to pick up children, according to Burnie Rice, transportation and facilities supervisor for SAD44.

Troubles did not end there. At about 10:30, the power went out again at those schools, as well as at the Woodstock Elementary School. CPS students and their teachers sat by windows to read.

Telstar students were sent home at 12:30, because the lack of water

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## Mt. Abram ready to go Saturday

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Mount Abram Ski Area will open Saturday, providing a Christmas miracle for dedicated skiers who feared the mountain would be closed this winter.

The slopes are set to open at 9 a.m. Saturday, with plenty of natural and man-made cover, and with lessons, rentals and food available, according to Larry Todd, general manager.

Todd said everything except the new sales computer system is ready to go. That won't put a dent in their ability to do business, but it will present an additional challenge for the Accounting Department.

In a change from previous years, the mountain will only be open Thursday through Sunday during regular weeks. It will open all week during school vacations.

This move to control costs is generally supported by the skiers buying season passes, Todd said. It is

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## A Christmas tree from public's forest



George Pozzuto, district ranger for the White Mountain National Forest, went out to search for the perfect Christmas tree Friday for his family's home in Milan, N.H. He found it in the York Pond area of the forest, north of Berlin. Here, he inspects the 12-foot tree after cutting it. The WMNF issues permits to the general public to cut Christmas trees. About 100 permits are given out each year, at a cost of \$5 each.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

## Local gift ideas for last-minute shoppers

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Christmas is just a jingle away. With flurries in the forecast and mobs at the mall, it's a great time to find last-minute gifts and stocking stuffers locally. The merchants and artisans in the neighborhood may well have that perfect something to put under the tree — something unique to the Bethel area.

Candlelight Service  
West Bethel Union Church  
Friday, Dec. 22nd at 7 pm

Maine Line Products, Main Street Bethel and Locke Mills, has fudge, taffy, and wooden gifts that are made at their Locke Mills store. Their weather sticks are made at the Sunday River Inn. According to local legend, the sticks tell the weather as reliably as network forecasters.

The Village Sampler, offers

American Girl doll clothes, hand sewn and knit by Bethel resident Ruth Silver. Wooden signs made by Jim Oliver of Bethel come in an array of colors and feature messages such as "welcome" and "eat, sleep, ski." There are also Cat's Meow collectibles of the Bethel

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## Serenity Corners

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## FAA, MDOT push for airport improvements

Even if runway cannot be extended

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Maine Department of Transportation are pressing Bethel to move ahead in 2001 with safety improvements at the Bethel airport, even though the planned runway extension is stalled.

The two agencies — which are picking up 90 percent of the cost of the \$2.4 million project — have asked to meet again with the town in January. "We feel it is time for all the organizations involved to sit down together and discuss our course of action. A meeting in early January will also be timely, in that it would allow us to discuss how we might best pursue this project,"

said MDOT engineer David Nelson, in a letter last week to Town Manager Scott Cole.

The original project plan called for extending the runway 850 feet, to 4,000 feet; and widening it 15 feet, to 75 feet. A number of safety improvements were also planned.

However, the runway extension has been stymied by the town's inability to find an alternate route for a logging road on the property. On Election Day voters rejected a request from the selectmen to use eminent domain to take a replacement right of way from an abutting landowner.

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## Hanover tax rate to jump

By ALISON ALOISIO

More students and a new solid waste disposal plan will add up to a 3.4 jump in Hanover's mil rate for 2001.

About 18 voters approved a \$107,000 town budget at the annual Town Meeting Friday, according to Clem Worcester, town clerk.

The school budget will increase to \$230,000, from this year's \$155,000, because of an increase in

the numbers of students. That amount was approved in a separate meeting in August. Hanover pays tuition for its students to attend SAD43, SAD44 or Gould Academy.

The solid waste budget also increased, with the approval Friday of an interlocal agreement with Bethel and Newry. Until now,

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## Area Christmas services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational: Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m. worship service; 7 p.m., Readings and carols; 11 p.m., Candlelight and communion. Jan. 1, 4 p.m., Prayer service.

Bethel Alliance: Dec. 23, 6 p.m., Community caroling on the Bethel common. Dec. 24, 10 a.m., regular morning worship service; 6 p.m., Christmas Eve services.

Our Lady of the Snows: Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Christmas mass.

West Bethel Union: Dec. 22, 7 p.m., candlelight service.

United Methodist: Dec. 24, regular Sunday service, 10 a.m.; Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7 p.m.

Bethel Nazarene: Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m., "The Special Gift of Christmas"; 4 p.m., Communion service.

Locke Mills:

Locke Mills Union: Dec. 24, 9 a.m., special Christmas service with youth participation and a Christmas party after church (Santa expected). Gifts donated will go to a homeless shelter in Norway.

Bryant Pond

Bryant Pond Baptist: Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Christmas Eve concert with missionaries to Yap Paul and Sherry Zimmer.

West Paris

First Universalist: Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Celebration of a Holy Season.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Congregational: Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve service including carols, communion, candlelight and special Christmas music (no morning worship).

Andover

Calvary Congregational: Dec. 24, 10:45 a.m., morning worship; 6 p.m., Carols and short devotional service. Dec. 31, 7-10 p.m., New Year's Eve service, with singing, devotional, refreshments.

First Congregational: Dec. 24, 10 a.m., Advent Service; 7 p.m., Candlelight service with play, "Birth of a Carol: The Story of Silent Night," presented by church choir and Sunday School, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Christian Education building.

**Christmas for Children**

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$7,250 toward its goal of \$8,000 in this year's Christmas for Children campaign.

The money will be used to purchase toys for needy local boys & girls.

Donations can be sent to:

**The Bethel Rotary Club**  
**Christmas for Children**  
c/o David Murphy  
844 Mayville Road  
Bethel, ME 04217

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### Bill Bradley turns down \$20 G offer

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### EARLY AD DEADLINES NOTICE

Please note that next

**Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29th**  
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Thursday, December 28th & Thursday, January 4th Editions of

**The Bethel Citizen**

We will be CLOSED MONDAY, December 25 AND January 1  
in observance of Christmas and New Year's!

## Letters

### NATIVITY RESCHEDULED

To the Editor:

Due to Old Man Winter (or spring, whatever it was) and the rains and winds, the Living Nativity, originally scheduled for this past Sunday, has been rescheduled for this Saturday, at 5 p.m. on the common. Same nativity characters, same nativity choir, same nativity animals, and same nativity time — only a different nativity day, and hopefully, different nativity weather. Again, those participating in any aspect of it — helpers, characters, choir members, etc. — are asked to be at the Bethel Inn Conference Center at 3:30 p.m. for preparation and practice.

The nativity presentation will also be followed by caroling in town, sponsored by the Bethel Alliance Church, as part of the Country Christmas in Bethel celebration. All are invited to enjoy the nativity, as well as stay and carol at the different business establishments that will be open in town. Any questions about either of these events, please call 824-2289 (Bethel Alliance Church).

Rick Mowery  
Bethel

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

To the Editor:

The Bethel Fire Department would like to thank the people of the Bethel area for their ongoing support in our quest to become the safest and most trained fire department we can be.

We have purchased the computer simulator, thanks to the generous donations from the people and businesses of Bethel.

We have taken advantage of the free training offered to us by Maine Fire Training and Education. Some of these courses from the state include Driver Operator/Pumps 1 and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

The department's two newly state-certified fire instructors are currently organizing a Firefighter 1 program. This program, which consists of 112 training hours, will be spread out over the next four to six months. The program will be offered to the surrounding departments and they will be encouraged to participate. The Firefighter 1 program will bring these firefighters to a unified standard of training. This 112-hour program is broken down into seven 16-hour modules, which will cover everything from fire behavior to propane gas fires and from tying knots to fighting working residential structure fires and all aspects in between.

We will also be using our newly purchased computer simulator to cover the other aspects of the fire service, which consist of preplanning, apparatus placement, rural water supply and different types of residential emergencies from a smoke detector activation to a major hotel fire using digital photographs.

We have also compiled a short video to be aired on our local cable TV, Channel 4, sometime around Christmas. Please check local listing in the Bethel Citizen. The Pro-mo, is called "Support Your Local Volunteer Fire Department," and we hope everyone tunes in to watch.

We are always seeking new members. If anyone is interested in joining or has any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by any Thursday evening at the Fire Station at the top of Main Street.

Dave Pratt and Dave Brown  
for the Bethel Fire Department

### REG. 9 TECH TRIP TO BOSTON

To the Editor:

Region 9 School of Applied Technology students attended a presentation recently by The Art Institute of Boston, which included student PowerPoint presentations showing work in computer gaming, animation, industrial design, marketing, advertising, culinary arts, and hospitality.

Students and instructors were very impressed with the technology and what the Art Institute students produced. Because many of Region 9's students are interested in computer technology, the classes of Office Technology, Computer Repair, Microsoft Office, and Hospitality plan to visit The Art Institute of Boston on May 7-9, 2001.

Students have brainstormed fundraising ideas and have estimated a cost of \$200 per student for the three-day two-night trip. Each student will be responsible for raising his or her own money, with structured fundraising events. A record-keeping system will be kept to track each individual student's participation and funds. Twenty-four students and chaperones will make the trip, if the tentative budget of \$5,000 is raised.

The first fundraiser will be a bottle drive to be held in each of Region 9's sending school areas. Area residents of SAD21, 43 and 44 can help out by saving bottles for the students to pick up during the week of Jan. 1.

Although students plan to go door to door for bottle pickup, area residents can call 364-3764 or drop off bottles at Region 9, 375 River Road, Mexico.

Telstar students planning to make the trip are Jeremy Dunham, Francesco Gaura, Josh Harnel and Ann Marie Kneeland.

Katie Manzer, office technology student  
Region 9 School of Applied Technology, Mexico

### WATCHMAN'S RECOLLECTION

To the Editor:

I was saddened to read in the recent column by Richard Grover of the serious illness facing Gilbert Haines and his family. His description of Gilbert's unique humor has brought back memories of the few months we worked alone on the night shift at Hanover Dowel, Inc., in the early 1960s.

One night while I was proceeding with the time clock and flashlight in hand as the night watchman, Gilbert decided that might be an appropriate time to "test" the mill's very loud "lunch horn." We had some real good times and he certainly helped make the long nights pass quickly.

Ronald Willard (G.A. '57)  
Springfield, Va.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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### MUSIC MAKERS THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Mahoosuc Music Makers, I would like to thank everyone who turned out for our Christmas concert at the West Parish Congregational Church on Sunday, Dec. 10. We greatly appreciate the support and encouragement we continue to receive from the Bethel community.

I would particularly like to thank Suzanne Dunham for her work in developing the flyers, the posters for the sandwich boards and the concert programs, and the various spouses, partners and children who contributed to the evening's goodies and generally have been supportive of the time and energy that members put into their practicing. A special thanks to Jonathan Smith for his passing of the baton to our new conductor, Patricia Boyle-Wight. Jonathan's personal investment in the growth of the organization has brought us to where we are today. We look forward to his continued contributions as a member of the brass section.

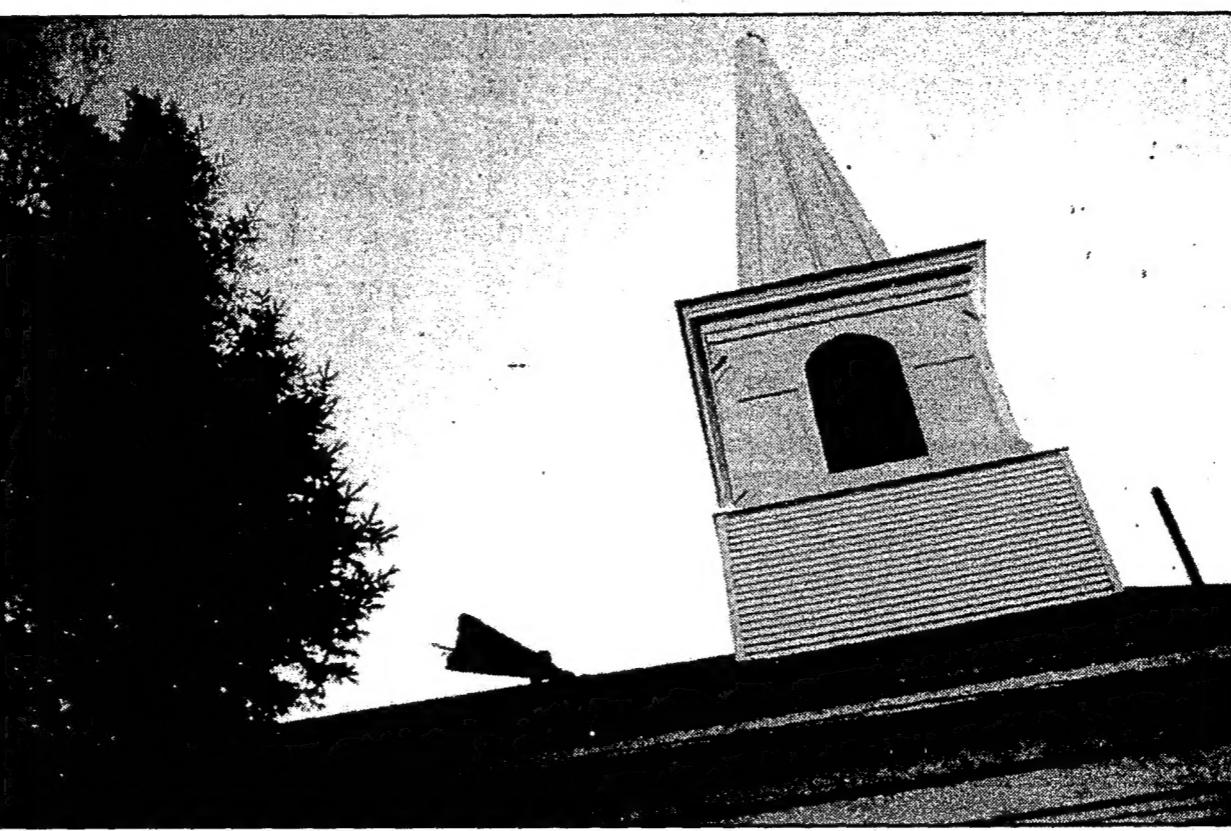
Once again, our thanks to Eleanor Brooks for overseeing the bake sale at the Bethel Foodliner on Dec. 15 and all who contributed baked goods.

The band will resume practicing on Monday nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church on Jan. 8. Please come join us.

Nancy Morris  
Mahoosuc Music Makers

### Wind

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**PHOTOS OF WEATHERVANE SOUGHT.** A 156-year-old weathervane on the Rumford Point Congregational Church was among the casualties of this week's high winds. Sometime Sunday night the wind snapped the church steeple at a structural junction just below the reinforcing thimble at the peak. The thimble and weathervane then smashed into the church roof, shattering the vane and its directional indicators, and driving the shaft that held the vane seven feet into the church. By Tuesday, the church roof was temporarily patched, according to Head Deacon Dick Burns, and many — but not all — of the fragments of the filigree wind indicator had been recovered. Church members hope to have a new vane forged, Burns said, replicating the pattern of original vane. He said, however, they may have to rely on the fragments and their own memories to reproduce the pattern — unless someone can find a photo of the original. (Photo: M. Daniels)

prevented toilets from being flushed. "If it had been a howling hurricane, we would have lived with it," said Sup't Kent Rosberg. But with 600 people in the building and an official school day logged by that time, the decision was made to send students home.

Power was restored at CPS and WES at about 12:30, and students stayed a full day. CPS is on the town water system (with gravity feed), so bathrooms were still available for use, he said. WES has a backup water supply. Students were fed lunch — "a diet heavily oriented toward peanut butter," said Rosberg.

Downed trees and power lines also meant a busy morning for the Bethel Fire Department, which

responded to the Middle Intervale and East Bethel locations, as well as another on Grover Hill Road.

In Greenwood, town crews dealt with a few small trees and limbs on the road, according to road foreman Alan Seames. The crew also put a lot of sand on icy roads, he said.

#### Businesses cope

Bethel businesses struggled to keep operating during the power outage.

Northeast Bank closed its doors for security reasons, said branch manager Anita Remington, but continued to operate through the drive-thru window. "We told customers we would mail them receipts," she said.

The Post Office also carried on, using mechanical scales to weigh

mail instead of electronic ones.

At Rite Aid, manager Dan Trowbridge kept the store operating, but for security reasons, let only one customer at a time through the door.

Policy only requires the stores to stay open for prescription customers, he said, but the one-at-a-time method worked adequately and allowed customers to continue to make purchases.

Some area residences were without power most of the day, and others did not get it back until Tuesday.

SAD44 schools were closed Wednesday because of snow, giving students an early start to the Christmas vacation.

### Mt. Abram

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also a relief to employees, who can count on a four-, rather than seven-day workweek.

Todd said seasons pass sales have been going well. Groups that have traditionally spent a day at Mount Abram have arranged their outings for this winter as well, and have not

found the four-day ski week a detriment.

The mountain is also fully staffed. "We've had more people apply than we needed," Todd said. "I was surprised, given the low unemployment rate. We've had people who worked here before

want to come back."

Later in the season, on-site day care will be available at the Westside Lodge. New owner Josh Burns had hoped to have daycare available for opening day, but delays in construction of the space have prevented that.

### From the Bethel Police Log:

#### Skidding into an OUI charge

At 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 police observed a vehicle operating at a high rate of speed skid sideways from Kilbourn Street onto Chapman Street. The officer stopped the vehicle and smelled an odor of liquor. The driver admitted to having been drinking. He did not pass field sobriety tests. After a breath test Nicholas B. Tibbets, 19, was summoned for OUI.

Thursday, Dec. 14

At 12:55 a.m. police responded to Mason Street for a report of a disturbance outside and a possible criminal trespass. On arrival all was quiet, but when the officer was directed to a residence to look for a subject, another subject answered the door with a marijuana cigarette in his hand. Toby A. Boutilier, 24, of South Waterford was summoned for possession of marijuana.

At 1:06 a.m. police observed a vehicle operating erratically on Route 26. The officer stopped the vehicle and smelled an odor of liquor. The subject admitted to having a couple of drinks. A license check showed a suspended status. The subject did not pass sobriety tests. He was taken to the Oxford County Jail, where he was given a breath test. Stephen A. Richards Jr., 42, of Oxford was charged with OUI and OAS.

Saturday, Dec. 16

At 1:55 a.m. a subject was stopped on Main Street for a vehicle defect. Alcohol was found in the vehicle. Jessica Bouchard, 18, of Sanford was summoned for illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor. Another minor in the vehicle was found to have a package of cigarettes. They were confiscated and the subject summoned.

At 8:59 p.m. police were dispatched to a residence for a fight. On arrival the complainant said a subject had assaulted his stepfather, who had a gash over his eye. Police made contact with the subject at his residence. Roger J. Waterhouse, 22, was arrested for assault.

Sunday, Dec. 17

At 12:45 a.m. police observed a vehicle traveling at a speed imprudent for the road conditions. The passenger admitted to drinking. The driver was given field sobriety tests, which he did not pass. He was brought back to the Police Department and tested. Dean R. Saunders, 37, of Stoneham was summoned for driving to endanger. The passenger, Jeffrey A. Alanskas, 35, of Stoneham was arrested for violation of conditions of release and taken to the Oxford County Jail.

Monday, Dec. 18

At 8:55 p.m. police assisted the Oxford County Sheriff's Department at the scene of a tractor trailer rollover on Route 2 in Gilhead. Two Bethel officers responded until the county officers could arrive and secure the scene.

*This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.*

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: Brent Swan, formerly of Locke Mills, was released after being held hostage for 60 days by anti-government rebels in Angola.

Several thousand people in the area were without electric power after a dead tree overloaded with snow fell on a CMP transmission line. Auxiliary power was utilized to rescue 200 people stranded on lift lines at Sunday River Skiway. After the auxiliary power source failed, 10 people had to be rescued by ropes and slings.

The Woodstock Planning Board asked the selectmen to put an article in the Town Meeting warrant requesting that planning board members be paid \$10 per meeting.

Telstar instructors Levi Brown, Tim Kavanagh and Heather Carson sacrificed their "locks and looks" to raise money for the Outward Bound winter camping trip by the sophomore class.

Birth: Owen Arthur Griffin.  
Deaths: Emery L. Vail, Maude Pumphrey Hansom.

20 years ago: Jody Shimamura was to be the coordinator, with Jon Owen assisting, for the annual "Living Nativity Scene" on Bethel Common. June Henry was director and Lyn Bristol chorus director.

Varsity cheerleaders at Telstar were Anna Inferiti, Lisa Pelzel, Michele Sweetser, Pam Carter, Sheila Blake, Rhonda Hebert, Cheryl Parker, Carol Mason, Becky Jodrey and Laurie Kimball.

Maurice Bouchard was honored at a farewell retirement gathering by friends and fellow U.S. Forest Service employees.

Deaths: Barbara L. Scott, Mildred Tuell Carlson.

30 years ago: A recount of the votes in the November Maine gubernatorial election was completed. The 14-day procedure found 495 ballots challenged or disputed - 270 for Republican Attorney General James S. Erwin, 270 for incumbent Governor Kenneth Curtis and 115 unopened absentee ballots. Attorneys for both sides agreed that the original 890 vote margin was valid, making the total for Curtis 163,138 and Erwin 162,248.

Elsie Brooks, a junior at Telstar, was the school winner in the 24th annual "Voice of Democracy" essay contest sponsored by the Robert Shand Post VFW.

Terry Berryment, Sharon Dombrowski, Margie Swan, Vickie Dunham, Terri Inman, Merry Robertson, Jeanne Bailey and Cindy Tiffit were cheerleaders at Telstar Regional High School.

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### Briefly

#### Towns approve waste plan

**NEWRY/BETHEL**—About 15 Newry voters Monday unanimously approved an interlocal agreement with Bethel and Hanover for solid waste disposal and recycling. Bethel voters also voted Monday to approve the same agreement, 13-0. It had previously been approved by Hanover at Friday's annual Town Meeting. On Tuesday, Newry selectmen appointed Owen Wight and Sylvain Gray to the inter-town board that will oversee operations. Wight will serve a one-year term and Gray a two-year term.

#### Condo pickup payment to stop

**NEWRY**—Selectmen have decided to notify condominium and village associations in town that Newry will no longer pay the pickup charge for dumpsters located at those sites. The move followed voter approval Monday of an interlocal agreement with Hanover and Bethel for solid waste disposal. Because other individual residences in Newry must pay for trash pickup, said First Selectman Steve Wight, those in condos and villages should as well. It currently costs the town \$30,900 a year for pickup at those dumpsters. Newry will stop paying the cost as of Feb. 1.

#### Town manager to run ski lift

**BETHEL**—Town Manager Scott Cole has asked for and received permission from the Bethel selectmen to moonlight as a ski lift operator. Cole will work Sundays at Sunday River Ski Resort. He told the selectmen he wanted to take the job in order to get the season's pass that comes with it ("I used to ski hard.") and to see if he could still handle physical work. "Part of me thinks it's crazy," he said, adding "I don't think it compromises my ability to do my job, or compromises the town's position." The selectmen agreed. "Have fun," said Chairman Dutch Dresser.

#### Avalanche at Sunday River

**NEWRY**—A 200-foot-long avalanche slid down the Airglow trail at Sunday River Ski Resort Saturday morning. Patrol Lori Henderson and patrol assistant Matt Bailey were checking the trail at about 8:30 a.m. when Bailey felt his feet move out from under him. "It scared the heck out of me," he said. "I moved out of there fast." The slide extended the width of the trail and was several inches wide in spots. Patrol director Tim Bruce estimated the depth of the slab to be four to five feet. The combination of nearly 10 inches of snow Thursday and new snowmaking contributed to the slide, Bruce said.

#### Man escapes rollover

**PARIS**—A Woodstock man escaped serious injury Monday after his car rolled over several times on Route 119. Ross Baker, 18, was treated and released from Stephens Memorial Hospital. Paris patrolman Matt Dailey was headed south about seven miles from South Paris village at about 8:20 p.m. when Baker passed him driving north at an estimated 60 miles per hour. Dailey then turned around and headed back toward Paris. Two witnesses reported Baker was driving in the middle of the road, hit a dip in the road and lost control. He was able to climb out of the car, a Ford Probe, by himself.

#### BDC accounts transferred

**BETHEL**—Bethel Data Corporation's dial-up accounts have now been transferred to CommTel of Winthrop, according to the BDC Board of Directors. CommTel has technical support available all day, every day. The Bethel Data service will remain in effect until CommTel is ready for the service to be discontinued, so users will have the opportunity to make the small changes necessary to their computers to access CommTel's modems in Bethel, according to the board.

#### Rebels run in Reno

**RENO, Nev.**—Telstar cross-country runners Anna Willard and Fred Bailey competed Dec. 9 in the National Junior Olympics, sponsored by the USA Track Federation. Willard and Bailey competed in the 5,000-meter race for 15 and 16-year-olds. Willard finished 20th in the race and was the first finisher for the "Lakers," the team name the Maine runners were entered under. The team was second overall. Bailey placed 96th and was the fifth finisher for the boys' Lakers team, which finished ninth overall. Willard was named to the 15-16 All-American Team.

#### Tree growth deadline approaching

**NEWRY**—Selectmen are reminding property owners with land in tree growth that the deadline for having a forest management plan on file with the state Department of Conservation is Dec. 31. After that date, land without a plan will be disqualified from the program and assessed a penalty.

#### Rules discourage renovation

**BANGOR**—It's easier to build new strip malls and office complexes at the fringes of Maine communities than to repair and renovate existing buildings downtown, thanks to government regulations. Planners, business leaders and code enforcement officials are recognizing that people won't start fixing up some of the vacant and half-empty buildings in Maine's cities and towns unless government makes it easier for them to do so. Existing codes, which are designed to protect the public, have in some cases kept many downtown buildings empty or underused. Officials also say the same codes, in some cases, have made some neighborhoods more dangerous because vacant buildings are more prone to fire. Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development plans to issue a report to the Legislature next month that will endorse the idea of flexible building codes designed specifically for old buildings.

#### Suit filed to protect lynx

**BANGOR**—Environmentalists have followed through on threats to sue the federal government for failing to protect the Canada lynx. Ten conservation groups have filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court that accuses the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of ignoring threats to lynx in many places, including logging and ski areas, and of not doing enough to protect habitat for the small wild cats. The cats have been found in Maine, as well as Washington and Montana. Last year, two kittens were found in the Maine's northern woods, and more recently, a dead adult lynx was found. The cats were listed as a threatened species in March by the USFWS. But the groups say even after that listing, the Interior department did not act to protect them. "The listing that is in place is not protecting the lynx," said David Carle, executive director of the Conservation Action Project. Paul Nickerson, endangered species coordinator for the Northeast region of USFWS, said there is no evidence that logging affects lynx in Maine. He also said wildlife officials are studying the cats in hopes of developing a more comprehensive protection plan. Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife spokesman Mark Latti said the agency has banned coyote snaring and trapping in areas where lynx are known to live.

#### Snowmaking in the city?

**NASHUA, N.H.**—Taxpayers who foot the bill to keep streets plowed all winter soon could be paying for the city to produce more snow. Some city officials want to buy a snowmaking machine to keep a hill in a city park in prime sledding condition. The hill attracts crowds after a fresh snowfall, but the lack of blizzards in recent years has proved disappointing. The city would hook the snow gun to a water shed at the park. The gun would blow about 20 gallons of water per minute, with an air compressor turning the flow into a fine mist.

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## Shopping

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Inn, Hanscom Hall, and Artists Bridge over Sunday River.

Just down the street, Brooks Bros. features wooden boxes, trays, and mirrors painted by Bethel resident Eleanor "Gram" Brooks. Many of the items feature local scenes.

Mountain Mann has Maine gems sure to please the jewel in your life.

Stop in at Ruthie's on Main Street for Ruthie's Moisturizing Milk Bath in five colorful scents.

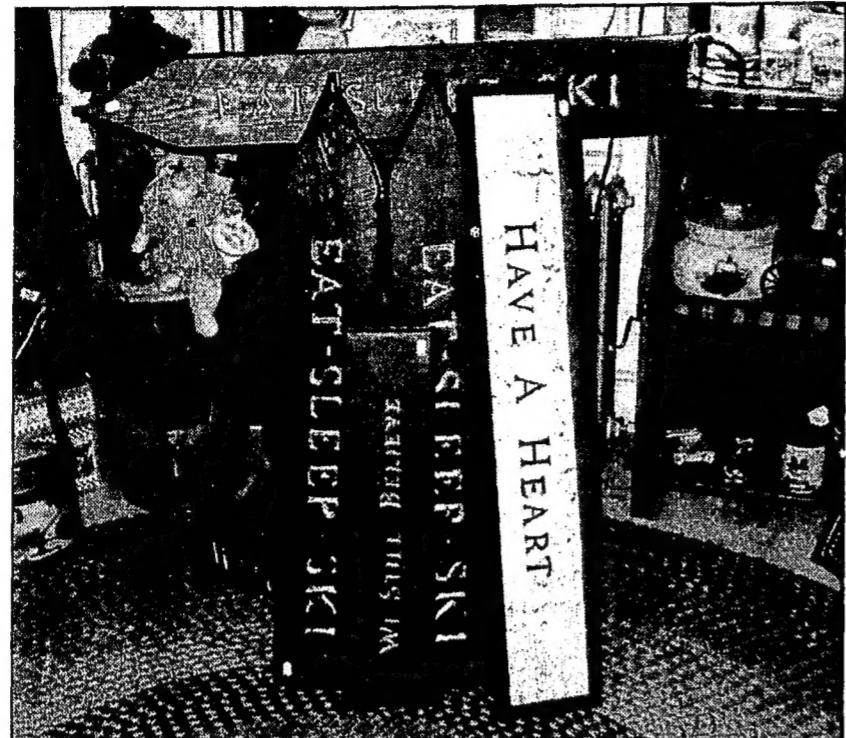
Books-N-Things carries a great selection of local books, calendars, and CD's by local artists.

Bonnema Pottery has a wide array of beautiful pottery, from lights to pie plates. It's all thrown, glazed, and fired on the premises. Potters Garret and Melody Bonnema take their inspiration from the natural local splendor.

The shops in Philbrook Place, on lower Main Street, offer a wide variety of gifts, some with a local twist. The Vine and Cupboard features Christian Ridge pottery. Wild Rose has earrings made by Sara Shepley of South Paris, and stained glass by Mo Ginther. Upstairs at True North Adventureware there are USGS maps of the local area and three-dimensional relief maps of both the Lewiston quadrant (with Bethel in the center) and the entire state.

Bob Keniston's turned-wood bowls and pens are best sellers at the Fryeburg Fair each year. Bob said he has a few things left from last fall, but call first, 824-2661. He'll give you directions to his home.

Wight's Tights, on Park Street in



JIM OLIVER'S HANDMADE SIGNS are available, in a number of colors and wordings, at the Village Sampler. Shoppers can also place special orders. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

Bethel, has the perfect stocking stuffer — Suzi's handmade polar fleece neck warmers, at an incredible \$2 each.

The bookstore at Gould Academy, in the basement of Hanscom Hall on Church Street, has a wide selection of clothing and gear bearing the school's name. The bookstore is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce still has "Angus King of the Mountain"

collectibles for sale, as well as Bethel 2000 Christmas tree ornaments. The Chamber office is located in the train station behind the Casablanca Cinema on Cross Street.

The Good Food Store, on Mayville Road (Route 2) in Bethel, is the place to go for Heather and Dave's Tenth Annual Turkey Tuesday T-shirts. They also carry Hodson's Running Brook Farm maple syrup, made in West Bethel by Keith and Norma Hodson, and Gladstones Garden Path Goatsmilk Soap, made by Heather Vail of Newry. Both make great stocking stuffers.

Local historical societies feature

gifts that help preserve the past for the future. The Andover Historical Society sells tote bags and cups with images of the Lovejoy Bridge, the covered bridge over the Ellis River. Contact Bev Swan, 392-4742 or Norma Farrington, 392-2652 for more information. The Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street in Bethel, carries a full line of local history books and gifts, as well.

The local guide services have lots of gifts for outdoor enthusiasts. Paddlers will love the Androscoggin River map and from Bethel Outdoor Adventure, Mayville Road, Bethel.

For the snowmobiler, try Sun Valley Sports on the Sunday River Road for local snowmobile maps, and check out the corner of country crafts made locally.

Just across the street, Mountainside Country Crafts has candles and hand-painted crafts made in Maine.

Flower arrangements, poinsettias, and wreaths are available at Designs, Broad Street in Bethel, and Pooh Corner Farms, on the Bog Road in Gilead. Pooh Corner also has locally grown Christmas trees.

The Knoll Cottage Doll Shoppe on Knoll Road in Greenwood just opened. Among the many treasures for doll collectors inside are handmade doll quilts by Greenwood resident, Jane Poulin.

Gift certificates make great gifts for hard-to-please people. The restaurants and inns are happy to oblige you with a certificate. Casablanca cinema and the Big Adventure Center certificates are sure to thrill the adolescents in the family. Gift certificates are also available at the local ski areas and nordic centers.

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## IRS Simplifies Payroll Tax Deposit Rules

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## Airport

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Subsequent attempts to negotiate an alternative right of way with other landowners have not borne fruit, nor has the town been able to convince the FAA to waive the requirement that makes moving the existing road necessary.

Consequently, the extension stands little chance of happening in the next construction season.

But both MDOT and the FAA still want to proceed with the safety improvements. Both agencies agree that the safety improvements are not necessarily tied to a runway extension," said Nelson. "While we fully support the extension as a means of meeting your future traffic needs, the extension does not have the same urgency that the other safety improvements command."

FAA project manager Robert Siris agreed. "Safety is and always

will be our primary concern," Siris said, also in a letter last week to Cole. "Clearing trees installing perimeter fencing, improving the 32 right of way, improving the safety areas and relocating the Harrington barn are all work items that can be improved without doing the runway extension," he said.

Bethel Selectman Don Bennett however, has expressed concern that if the safety improvements go ahead without the extension, the town would lose leverage for getting the extension taken care of at a later day, assuming the right-of-way problem is eventually resolved.

The Bethel Airport Authority was due to meet last evening (Wednesday) to discuss its options. A meeting with MDOT and the FAA has been set for Jan. 9, according to Cole.

## Hanover

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Hanover has paid disposal costs for each year at that year's end, including costs for 2000. But payments for the interlocal plan, which goes into effect Jan. 1, call for monthly payments. As a result, the town also had to put aside money for the upcoming year. The total amount appropriated by voters was \$37,000, with \$17,000 covering 2000 expenses.

Total costs for running the town in 2001, exclusive of school expenses, are just under \$107,000, down about \$2,000 from this year's budget. All 27 articles on the warrant were approved.

The current mill rate of 13.1 will increase to 16.5, said Worcester. "It's a big jump," he said. He expects to mail out tax bills the day after Christmas.

In municipal elections, Brenda Gross was re-elected to a three-year term as selectman, Ruth Brown was re-elected to a three-year term on

the School Committee, and Worcester was re-elected town clerk, treasurer and tax collector.

Voters also approved paying \$120 to join the Bethel Area and River Valley chambers of commerce, and \$250 to go toward economic development under the River Valley Growth Council. They also voted to accept the town reports for the years ending June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2000.

A pizza party followed Friday's

meeting.

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**CORRECTION**  
Walker was director: An article in the Seniors Plus meal program in the Dec. 14 Citizen should have said Ginny Walker was the first program director, for four years in the mid-1970s.

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## Happenings Around Town

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**Friday & Saturday, December 22 & 23**

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½ teaspoon ground ginger  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cup molasses  
½ cup butter  
1½ teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup cream or sour milk  
1 egg

Sift all dry ingredients. Heat molasses and butter until butter melts. Remove from heat and beat in baking soda. Add milk and egg, then add sifted flour mixture. Bake batter in waffle iron, making sure that iron is not too hot. Makes approximately 6 to 8 waffles depending on size.

#### Christmas Breakfast Strata\*

A great Christmas breakfast. This can be made late Christmas Eve and popped in the oven Christmas Morning.

1 loaf French bread, slices and torn into pieces  
4 cups Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese, shredded  
2 rolls breakfast sausage, cooked  
1 can green chilies, diced  
1 small can black olives, sliced  
mushrooms, sliced  
6 to 8 eggs  
4 cups milk  
2 tablespoons oregano  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 teaspoon powdered onion

Butter a 13"x9" and 8"x8" baking pan and place torn and buttered bread in the bottom of the pans. Sprinkle cheeses over the bread. Sprinkle the cooked sausage, diced green chiles, olives, and mushrooms over the cheese. Beat the eggs and add milk, oregano, salt, dry mustard, and powdered onion. Pour liquid over the mixture and sprinkle with any remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until a knife come out clean. Serve with sour cream and salsa. Serve English muffins & fresh fruit alongside.

### Mel's Christmas

#### Morning Casserole\*

A whole breakfast, baked and ready to go!

6 eggs, slightly beaten  
½ cup cheddar cheese, shredded  
½ cup mozzarella cheese, shredded  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 tablespoon parsley flakes  
1 tablespoon dried onion flakes  
1 teaspoon oregano  
1 lb. ground Italian sausage, browned & drained  
1 cup biscuit mix  
2 cups milk

On Christmas Eve, mix all ingredients and pour into a lightly greased lasagna pan. Cover and refrigerate overnight. On Christmas morning, while everyone is opening gifts, pop the pan into a 350 degree oven and bake for one hour. By the time everyone is ready for breakfast, it will be hot and ready to eat. To save fat, sodium, and calories, you can substitute fat-free egg substitute for eggs, low-fat biscuit mix for regular, omit up to ¼ cup cheese, substitute low-fat skim or 2% milk, and rinse cooked Italian sausage in hot water, draining well before adding.

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¼ teaspoon salt  
3 cups milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 cup heavy cream

In pan, beat eggs, sugar and salt. Stir in milk, cook, stirring about 15 minutes or until mixture coats spoon. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Chill overnight. Just before serving, whip cream to soft peaks. Whisk into egg mixture in a gentle folding motion. Serve with extra nutmeg or a dusting of cinnamon.



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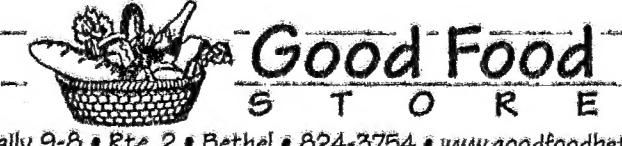
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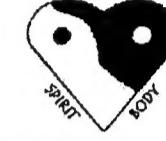
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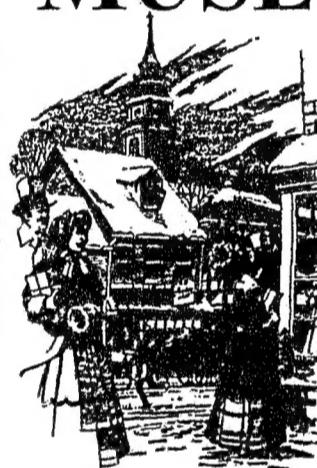
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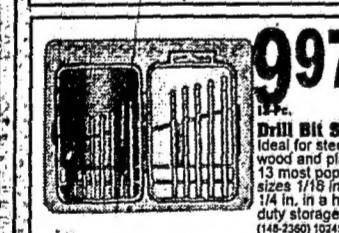
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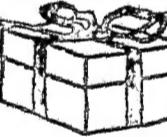
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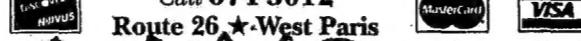
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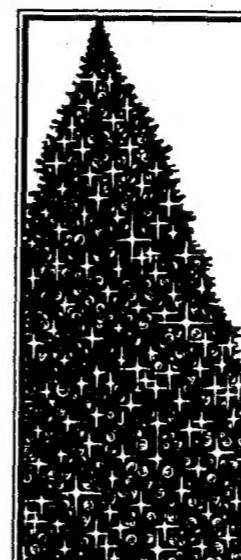
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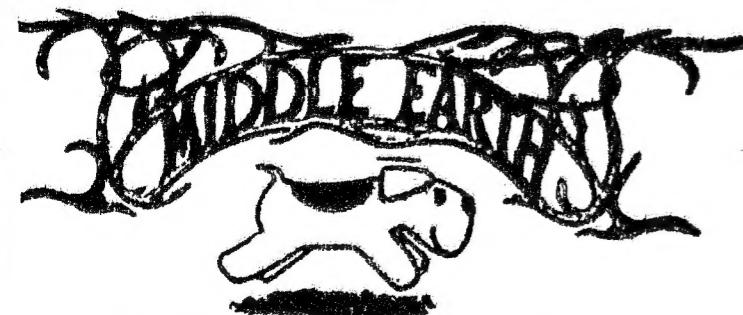
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**Bethel**

by  
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Congratulations go to Marianne Gould for receiving the Rural Home Health Aide of the Year 2000 award through Androscoggin Health and Hospice Care.

Jaimie Grover, a student at college in Florida, is spending her Christmas vacation at home.

The Holiday Singers Concert, conducted by Dan Allen and held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center, was well attended.

Elwin Brown Jr. (Junior/Brownie) is a patient at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston.

Amy Davis, Judy and Colwyn Haskell attended the SAD17 Christmas Concert in Norway on Monday, the 18th.

Phyllis and Sonny Blake are spending the Holidays with their son, Stephen and Linda Blake in Naples, Fla.

The Cross Country Quilters met at Lauri Hoesch's home for Christmas lunch and entertainment on Tuesday, the 19th.

Al and Lee Barth are to be congratulated on the birth of a grandson, Henry Oliver, born Dec. 11 to Bruce and Dara Barth.

Peter Bodwell is cooking at the Sudbury Inn.

Francis and Mary Lou Berry were in Walpole, Mass., over the weekend visiting her daughter, Mary Lou Killelea. They attended a

family Christmas Party in Dedham, Mass.

Bethel Lodge 97 will hold a semi-public dinner at 6:15 p.m. on Dec. 14, with installation immediately following. Everyone invited. Daniel Myers will be installed as the next master of the Lodge.

**East Bethel**

by  
Nancy Mercer

I still have the child's jacket with the initials E.A.D. on the label that was left at the Halloween Party held at Alder River Grange Hall on Oct. 28. Please call 824-3350.

Pat Kimball will celebrate her birthday on Dec. 25.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball, Dale and Nancy Kimball, Millie Jackson, Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club Christmas gathering at the Bethel Inn on Dec. 13.

Polly Smith went to a Christmas Party at Jim and Donna Bernard's home in Andover on Dec. 16. Polly thought there were about 30 people at the party.

Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington on Dec. 16.

Gary Coyne is new bus driver for SAD44. He has the Woodstock-Greenwood route and likes it.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, a Happy New Century and a Happy New Millennium.

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**Sunday River Valley**

by  
Rockie Graham  
What a storm that was. It is December and Tasha is freaking out because of thunder and lightning and

I'm checking the cellar for flooding. Not your average December storm, I hope it is not a prelude to things to come. Last Tuesday's storm made difficult driving, but was much more in keeping with the season.

It was amazing to see where the power went out. Some places lost it for an hour during the night and another hour during the day. Others lost it for multiple hours. I suppose it was location, but I could not figure out why some areas were dark and others were not. We were lucky, we only lost power for an hour each time. We also had no damage except the barn across the street had the metal ripped up like it was so much bailing wire. Tasha's plastic jugs, which she likes to chase, were also missing in the wind. Other than those minor things, we were fine.

Attending the Newry Town Meeting last night (Monday, the 18th) I was disappointed in the small turnout. The discussion was mostly about whether to join Bethel and Hanover and create a regional recycling center and transfer station. Much as I like being able to walk my trash and recyclables across the street, I can see that it

isn't working because people leave all sorts of non-recyclable trash and leave garbage in the pre-sort bin. The decision was, I believe, unanimous, to go with the regional center. Some questions were raised about hours of operation and fees. People were assured that a Regional Solid Waste Board would be set up to make those kinds of decisions and each town will have two (2) representatives on the Board. We also decided to extend \$3,000 plus from unexpended money toward a \$10,000 grant to update our Comprehensive Plan, which should be updated every ten (10) years. That passed with very little comment.

It is that time of year when everyone seems to get really stressed out trying to get everything accomplished, and presents bought, etc. I hate to see people all worried and concerned like that and usually calm people all up tight. I can only say take it slow in the big picture, this is only a small blip. By next week at this time, Christmas will have come and gone and only the bills will remain.

Myself, I'm looking forward to New Year's Bethel. I love going from place to place and listening to music or watching a performance. For me, the best part is no pressure to drink. Years ago, after I quit drinking, I always got pressurized — just one, etc. It was never too hard for me to say no, because the more I'm pressured, about something the more obstinate I get. I'm just that way. I also can't remember how badly I felt for weeks after I drank any alcohol — it messes up my blood sugar, and in retrospect, I am probably allergic to the ingredients in most beers and wines. In any case, I am looking forward to New Year's Bethel. I went to New Year's Portland when it first began, but I much prefer to be closer to home. Hope to see you all there.

Have a good week, and a great holiday. I am looking forward to the 21st, which is both Winter Solstice and the first night of Chanukah. I plan to celebrate both.

**Mason Township**

by  
Richard Grover  
On Dec. 10, Mason residents were treated to a blessed event that increased the town's population

by about 2 percent. Shortly after midnight of the 9th, Serena Williams awoke and knew that the new baby's time had come. She also knew there wasn't time for Jeff to drive her to the Norway hospital, so she told him to call for an ambulance. Remembering the delays Elsie and Don Aylward experienced with the PACE ambulance, whose crew did not seem to know where Mason was, Jeff called 911 and specifically asked for the Bethel ambulance. After some discussion with the dispatcher, he finally convinced him that Bethel was closer than Norway.

By the time the ambulance arrived, Serena knew the baby would be born in the ambulance, but she and Jeff were confident of the ambulance crew, which included EMT Mary Buckman and David Hanscom, Rupert and Ina's grandson. Of course, this was David's first baby delivery, but he got out the disposable obstetrical kit, and they did a fine job, getting the baby's umbilical cord untangled from the baby's neck and getting things squared away. By the time they arrived at the hospital, the new baby and mother were doing fine.

During the delivery, Jeff asked the ambulance crew to radio the hospital and ask that the OB doctor be called and be on his way to the hospital to save time in case complications arose. This created some confusion by the dispatchers, and they dispatched a PACE ambulance to assist, resulting in a "Keystone Cops" incident, with the two ambulances passing each other on the highway, and then the PACE one following back to Norway.

The result of all this was that Jeff and Serena have a beautiful baby girl, Madeline Amelia Williams. All have recovered nicely, and Serena says all friends are invited up to the Williams' household in Mason to see the new baby and to join them in a cup of coffee or tea.

A couple weeks ago, Mona and I experienced another of those little incidents that was a little out of the ordinary. It was about noon time, and we were returning home from a trip to the dentist. As we drove up our driveway, we were surprised to see a fellow we didn't know strolling around from behind our garage, with a pair of bush snips in his hand. Curious, I got out of the car and asked, "Can I help you?" He replied, "Yeah, I'm just cutting a few fir branches for wreaths." At this, I was probably a little less than hospitable, thinking this must be one of those "Flatlanders" who figures anything out here in the "boondocks" is free for the taking.

"Don't you think it might be neighborly to ask the landowner's permission before you start pruning his shrubbery?"

"Oh, Rosemary gave me permission to help myself to some of the fir tops around the garage."

By now, I'm beginning to understand what happened, but I'm beginning to enjoy the interchange.

"That would be okay, but Rosemary doesn't own this property around my garage."

"Oh, my name is Floyd Pike, and I must have the wrong house. And I thought it must have been her coming up the driveway. Your car looks like hers." (Rosemary has a red Dodge Stratus, I think, while we were in Mona's green Honda Civic).

"Well, Rosemary and Mike live right over there, and I've been cutting a bunch of fir trees they wanted to get rid of by their old camp and around behind their garage. I also cut some on my land between here and there, and you are welcome to any of those fir limbs you want. Just don't trim these here around my garage."

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**Hanover**

by Clem Worcester

Ray Chase was at CMMC in Lewiston on Tuesday and Wednesday where he had surgery. He is now recuperating at home and everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

The Hanover municipal officers have completed their reports for town affairs for the two years ending June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2000. The audit was completed by Hollingsworth & Willey of Bangor. The town appears to be in sound financial condition. The reports were printed and placed in bright red jackets at Inman Printing of Bryant Pond and are distributed to taxpayers by mail.

The Town Reports have been dedicated in memory of Charles (Bucky) Burnham. Bucky died Jan. 23, 2000 after a period of declining health. He had been a surveyor and an artist and was well known for his friendly country wit. With his wife, Marjorie, they raised their family at their 2071 Main Street home.

The Hanover Town Office reports that hunting and fishing licenses for 2001 are available.

The snowstorm last Thursday left about seven inches of new snow. It

was the largest snowfall so far this year and followed several days of zero degree and lower overnight temperatures.

**Upton**

by Eleanor LeComte

The uncooperative weather did not keep the majority of townsfolk away from the Ladies Aid Christmas Party. Lisa and Michelle Airon were unable to attend because they were sick. We missed the little piece about the "First Christmas" which they always read at the Christmas Party. The other children did a fine job reciting poetry and Christmas-related stories. Sara Katalvos, Rodney Harris, Elissa Dyer, Jennifer Davenport, Garrett and Noah Morton all gave readings and made us realize what Christmas is all about. There were other children who made their presence known, but were too young to participate. The youngest was Willow Lavallee, less than a year old. Caitlyn and Jessica Casey, Mark Largesse, Courtney and Jessica Lavallee, Timothy Vater and Ocean and Winter, granddaughters of Debbie Judkins. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Angevine and Doris Williamson Fraser.

Ernest and Doris related to the young people how they walked to the party many years ago through the snow and how it was a wonderful time in their life. Lucille Largesse told of the many parties that her family attended as children in Upton. The gift that probably cost a dollar was considered quite extravagant.

Ellie LeComte told of one of the first parties she attended. It was in the Upton Union Church. Sally Lavallee placed the star on the tree because she was the only one who could reach it. It was 1974 and Larry Wade provided the bulk of the gifts for the kids. He collected them all year. They were truly wonderful gifts. That year he wired the church so that the whole town could enjoy Christmas music coming from the steeple. I remember cross-country skiing on the lake and hearing "Silent Night" echoing through the snow-covered hills. I hope the children will remember the great rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" and pass on to their children what a wonderful time we had.

A delicious luncheon was served by the Ladies Aid. Senior citizen baskets were distributed to 25 residents. The door prize, a quilt, crafted by Lucille Largesse and tacked by the Ladies Aid members, was won by Wilma Rector, a guest from Brunswick. The children's door prize, a large white teddy bear, was won by Willow Lavallee.

When we left the building, freezing rain was coming down in sheets. We worried about the guests, who were traveling back to Bethel through Grafton Notch in the bad weather. They arrived safe and happy. A great big "Thank You" to the Ladies Aid members, who went the extra mile to make it a warm and friendly occasion in a small town.

We have heard from people all over the country that they have received copies of the Citizen. Herb Thomas, in California, brother of Merna Monroe, received a subscription for his eightieth birthday present. He really enjoys hearing the local news. Jaime Hallen, of Visalia, Calif., sent us an e-mail, stating how she also enjoys the local articles.

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Let me tell you the U.S. Postal Service is nothing compared to the visiting nurse that comes to our house. Neither rain, sleet nor snow, can keep her away. She may be late, but she always gets through. I want to tell her just how much I appreciate her and all that she goes through to help people get well. Thanks, Jane, Merry Christmas.

Nomination papers are ready to be picked up for selectmen and school board. The terms of Wendy Green and Kelly Scotti are up.

The Andover Historical Society has a few gift ideas. Contact Bev at 392-4742 or Norma at 392-2652. Calendars are available at Mills Market and the East Andover Post Office.

The word of the week is "convivial." Appropriate for this time of year, I think. See ya.

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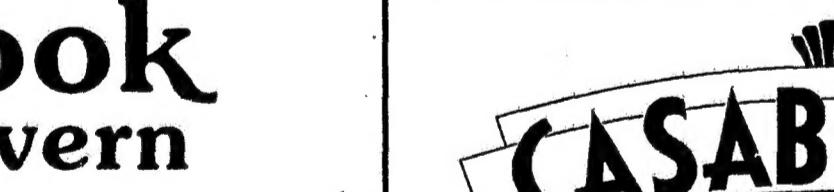
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North Newryby  
Gil Seeley

A family Birthday Party was held Dec. 17 at the home of John and Nancy Wight for Brenda Wight (Dec. 2) and Nancy Wight (Dec. 17). Those attending were Brad, Brenda, Katie, Kurt and Kevin Wight; Ed Powers; Retta Berry; Jason and Mandy Berry; Dani and Staci Littlehale. Calls were received from Mike Wight and Terri Littlehale.

A Cookie Decorating Contest for Newry children was held at the Grange Hall on Dec. 10.

Bryant Pondby  
Alice Hoyt

Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Dec. 11, with 12 members present. It was reported that the Old Tom Green Cemetery was being cleaned up. The flags had been received and money was sent to Togus for Christmas. Other business was conducted. A report was given on the November meeting at Norway. Forty-seven calls were reported. Tiffany Jordan received the mystery package. A tasting party and exchange of gifts and cards were held. The next meeting will be at the same place with a tasting party.

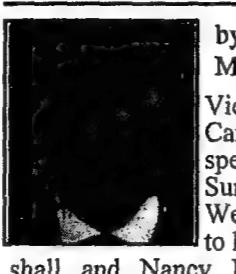
Patch the Pirate Club meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., same time as prayer meeting, at the Baptist Church. Saturday is the Christmas Cantata practice from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday Fellowship is at 8:45 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. The Cantata "Amazing Grace" will be held during the evening service. Everyone is welcome to attend. On Dec. 24 missionaries

Paul and Sherry Zimmer will be at the church all day and will provide a special Christmas Eve concert during the evening service.

Curator Larry Billings has been reading parts of Walter Pater's book, "The Renaissance." This is about an important period in history.

The Historical Society looks for ways to benefit the community, and certainly preserving its heritage is vital in and of itself. At the December meeting of the Historical Society members enjoyed a potluck supper and Christmas party. President Annella Burnham and Mary Billings arranged decorations. Elsie and Larry Bonney did some work in the building earlier in the day. Much thanks. Elsie also reported on the possibility of publishing a book. Kathleen Bean of the research committee noted she and Mary Billings had responded to many requests for research.

The January and February meetings of the society will be held at Evelyn Bean's residence to save on oil. Members enjoyed an exchange of cards and gifts at the end of the meeting. The Society adds a few more members occasionally but it can always use more. Why don't you join. Dues are modest and the rewards are very real. Curator Larry Billings has been reading works by the poets Tennyson and Browning.

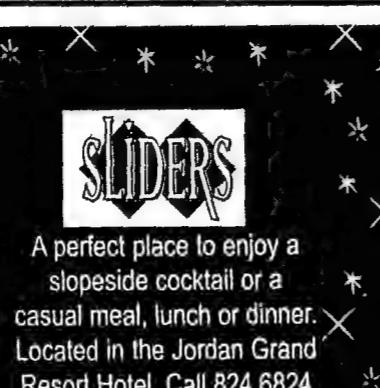
West Parisby  
Miriam Inman

Vicky, Brant and Caroline Sanborn spent the day last Sunday with us. We were happy to have son Marshall and Nancy Harrison from Alaska arrive on Tuesday. They will be here to spend Christmas with us. We are also pleased to announce their engagement. They are both from the North Pole.

Next week, I hope to have news of other interest — Christmas happenings, etc.

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South Woodstockby  
Andrea Wing

My sister, Evelyn and husband James Dunn left to go to Florida for a visit with Jim's sister, Ada. After a short visit they will travel on to Arizona and stay a while with our sister, Dorothy Critser. The last part of the winter will be spent with their daughter, Patrice Dunn in Loma Linda, Calif. It's a long trip. I hope everything goes well.

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The Appleby family held their annual Christmas Party this year at Perry, Darlene and Courtney Estabrook's home in Bath. This is a very important part of their family gatherings. It was held Saturday, Dec. 9. Those attending were hosts Perry and Darlene Estabrook and Courtney; Betty and Ray Estabrook; Cleo, Perry and Alex Ryerson; Pete, Laurene, Danielle Appleby and baby James; Lorraine and Mary Ellen Hadley; Keith, Darlene and Tricia Hadley; Dale and Alan Hadley; Kim Hadley; Penny, Chris and Shawn Morgan; Dennis, Robin and kids; Peter Heath; Walter and JoAnne Appleby; Duane, Lisa and Casey Ryerson. Santa surprised everyone by dropping by at the party, much to the enjoyment of everyone. He sure gets around.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that at the December meeting members enjoyed a potluck supper and Christmas party. Food for the supper was delicious and included everything from hot dishes to pies and cookies. Gifts included candles, fragrances, tree ornaments, etc. and everyone exchanged cards. Elsie Bonney reported on the possibility of publishing a book. The January and February meetings will be held at the home of Evelyn Bean, to save on oil. Attendance at the meeting was good.

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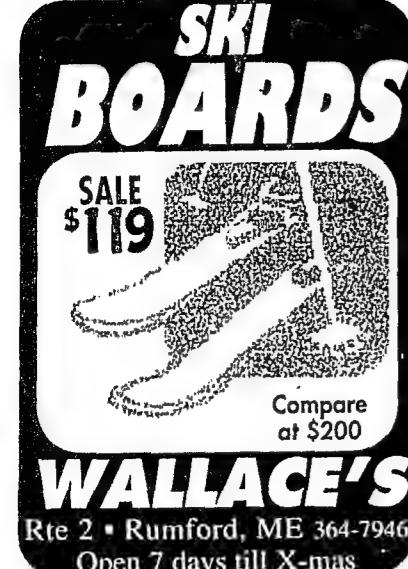
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Evergreen Valley Inn. I drove like a "little old lady," which I really am, well not so little, but I drove cautiously as everyone should on icy traveling. It was a nice little gathering and lunch with 10 of us at the table and around the fireplace. They are a good group of people to work with and for.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I won't say a word about politics — just to say glad the struggle is over to have a new President. Enough is enough and I'm sure he'll be a good one. They both must be good for it to be so close.

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There will be a food court, marshmallow roasting fire, horse wagon rides, church bells, and fireworks at midnight sponsored by the Bethel Inn. Tickets to this chem-free family event are available for \$10 for adults and \$8 for students ages 8-18 at the Citizen Office, Maine Line Products, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop at the Robinson House.

Participants for the lighted vehicle parade are needed. Anyone willing to join with a lighted vehicle is encouraged to call the Society office at 824-2908 or Geof Gaudreau at 824-2807 for further information.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist at New Year's Bethel in a

variety of ways. Anyone willing to help should call Susan Herlihy at 824-3932 for information regarding volunteer opportunities.

Sponsors for New Year's Bethel are still needed to support venues and other activities. Among the latest sponsors are Pat's Pizza of Bethel, Bethel Furniture Stock, Inc.; The Bethel Citizen; Community Energy Co., Inc.; Irving Oil Corporation, and the Delphi Group. All sponsors will be listed at the venues and will receive wide public recognition for their support. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217. Checks should be made payable to the Bethel Historical Society.

A record number of donors (351) have also contributed a record number of dollars (\$14,300 plus) to the Bethel Historical Society's 2000 Annual Fund Campaign. Among the latest individuals making gifts are: Roxanne T. Sly, Brooklin; Louise L. Poisson, Cape Neddick, in memory of Arthur and Louise Lincoln; Colwyn and Judy Haskell, Bethel; Geraldine S. Howe, Bethel, in memory of Louise Lincoln, Allan Fraser, Barbara D. Brown, Phyllis Dock, and Raymond Buck; Herb and Ruth Kittredge, Hanover, in memory Harold Rolfe "Brother"; Barbara I. Maher, Bethel; Janet and Dexter Stowell, Bethel; Les Whall, Salt Lake City, UT, in memory of Marzee York Whall. Those wishing to make a gift in honor or in memory of an individual or individuals should send it to the Society at the above address.

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## School Sports

### High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Jay 49, Telstar 28; Dec. 19—Telstar's Katie Wight scored nine points, Anna Willard seven, Mariah Seames six and Rebecca Swan, Lauren Hart and Lynsey Brown two each in a loss to Jay.

Wiscasset 61, Telstar 48; Dec. 15—Telstar's Anna Willard scored a game-high 19 points in a loss to Wiscasset. Mariah Seames scored 12 points and Katie Wight and Rebecca Swan eight each. Wight also had seven rebounds, four steals and three assists. "This was our best outing so far," said coach Kelly Dole. "A lot of improvements were seen."

Mt. Abram 59, Telstar 25; Dec. 13—Telstar's Anna Willard scored 10 points and Mariah Seames six in a loss to Mt. Abram. Katie Wight had six rebounds. "We played well for one half," said coach Kelly Dole. "Our lack of depth really showed."

### High School Boys' Cross-Country Skiing

Dec. 19—Justin Hautaniemi of Gould won a five-school, four-kilometer race at the Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center. John Reuter of Telstar was second, and Brian Zinchuk, Fred Bailey and Joel Doyon of Telstar finished fourth, fifth and 11th, respectively.

### High School Girls' Cross-Country Skiing

Dec. 19—Telstar's Sarah Gamble finished third in a five-school, four-kilometer race at the Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center.

### TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 47, Jay 31; Dec. 6—Telstar's Jennie Cox scored 14 points, Liz Rosenberg 11, Jillian Kimball 10, Chea Davis five, Lindsey Hart four, Nola Wentworth two and Stephanie Bennett one in a win over Jay. "No first-game sitters here," said coach Aaron Bean. "With good passing and shooting the girls pulled away from Jay in the second half, outscoring them 33 to 12. Good team effort."

Telstar 20, Gorham 17, Dec. 4—Telstar's Jennie Cox scored eight points and Jillian Kimball, Chea Davis and Liz Rosenberg four each in a win over Gorham. "Great defense was played by everyone," said coach Aaron Bean. "A very good start to the season."

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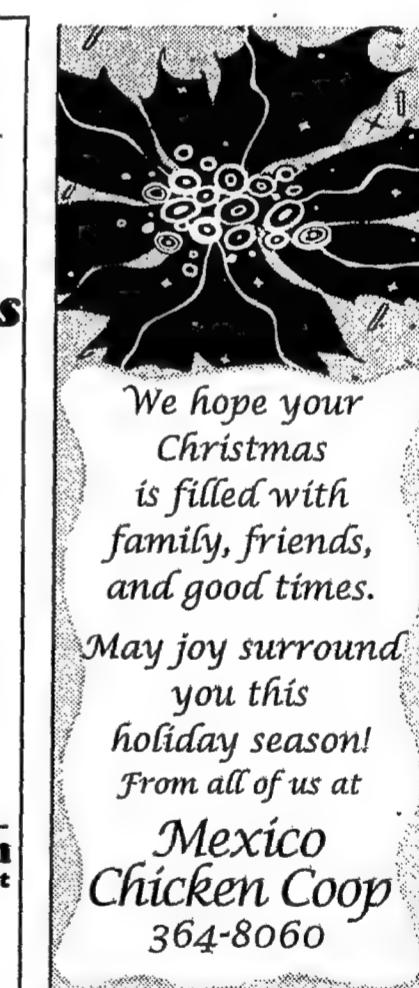
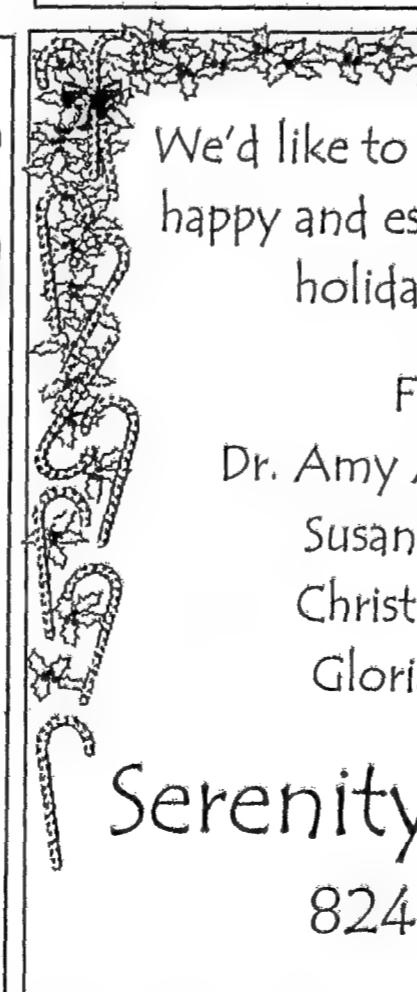
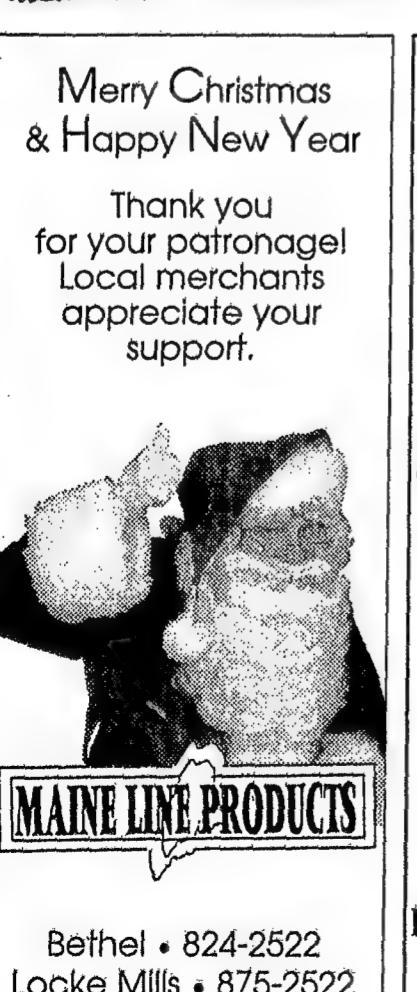
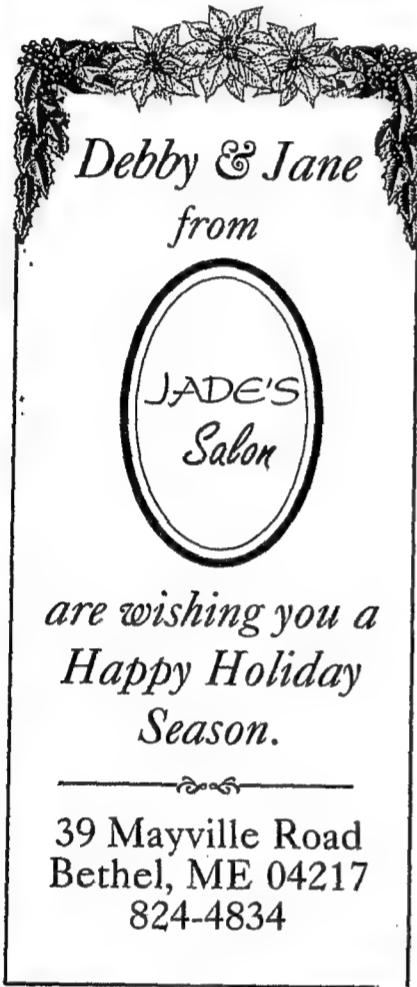


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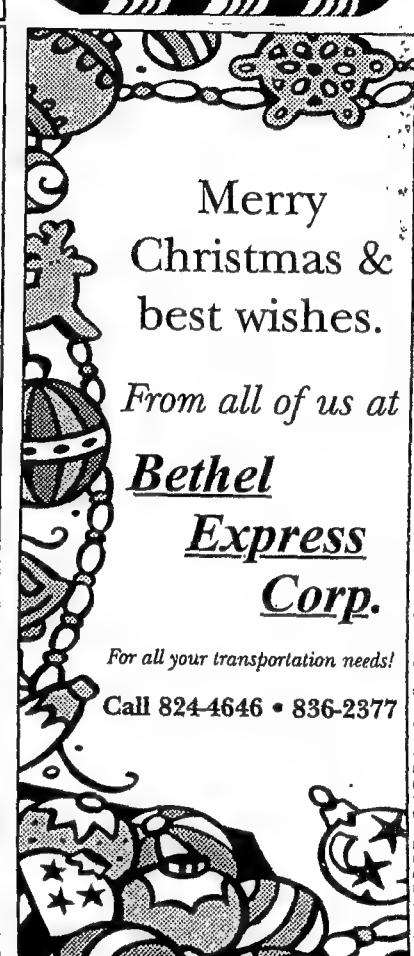
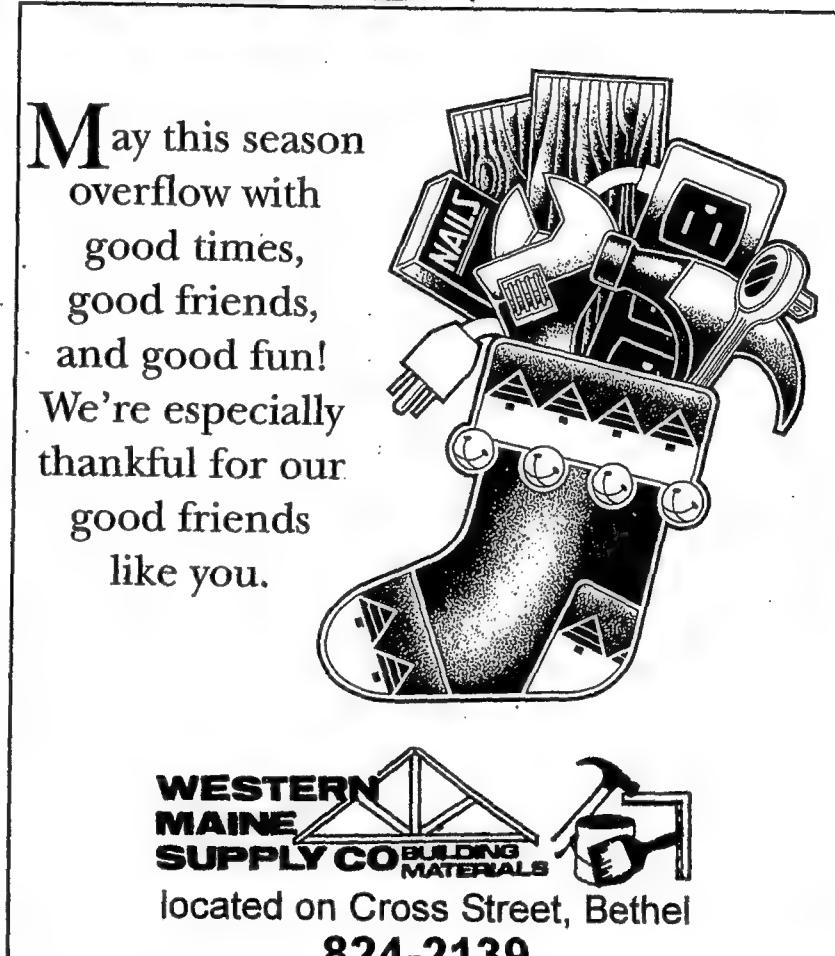
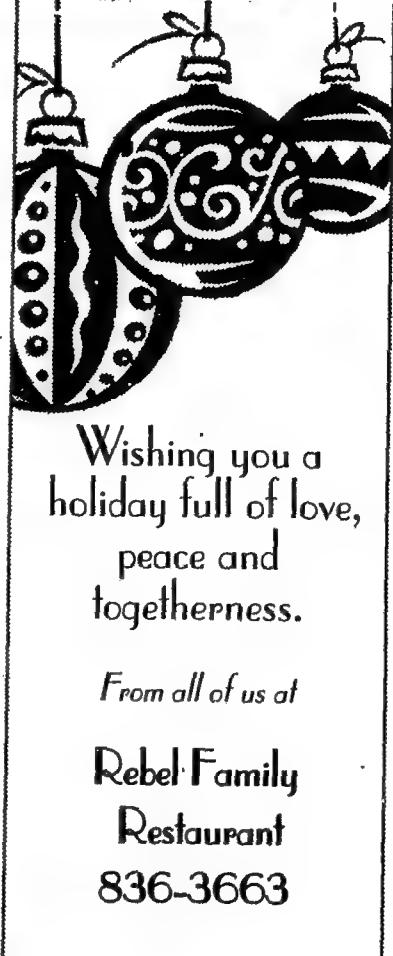
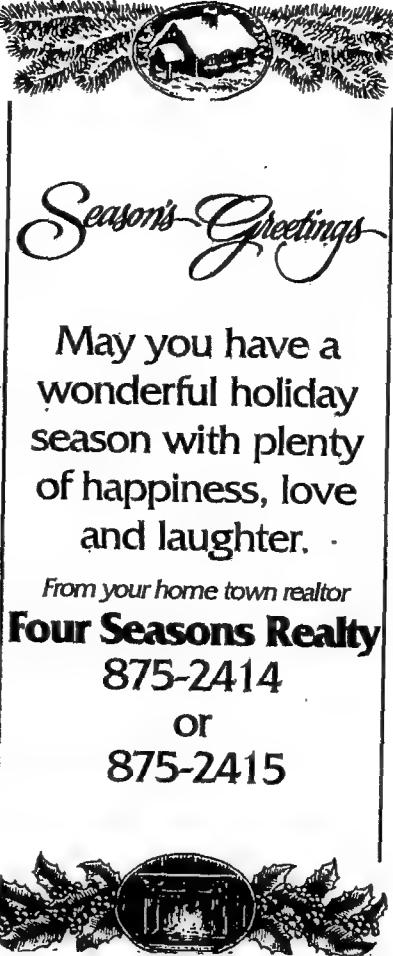
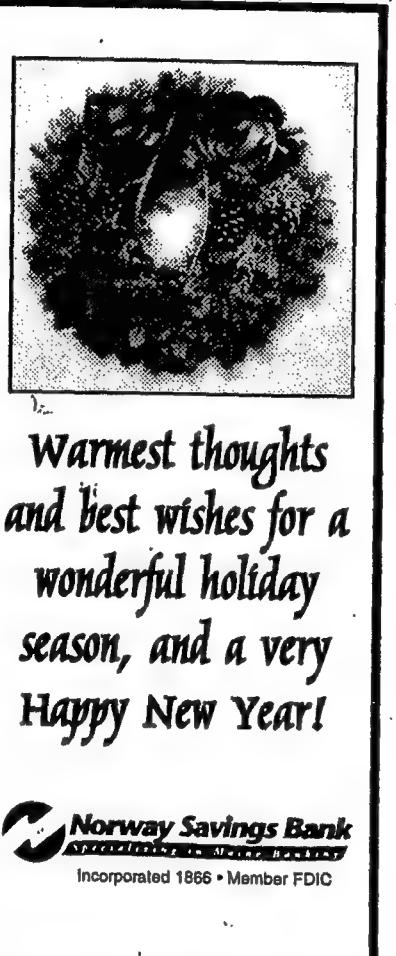
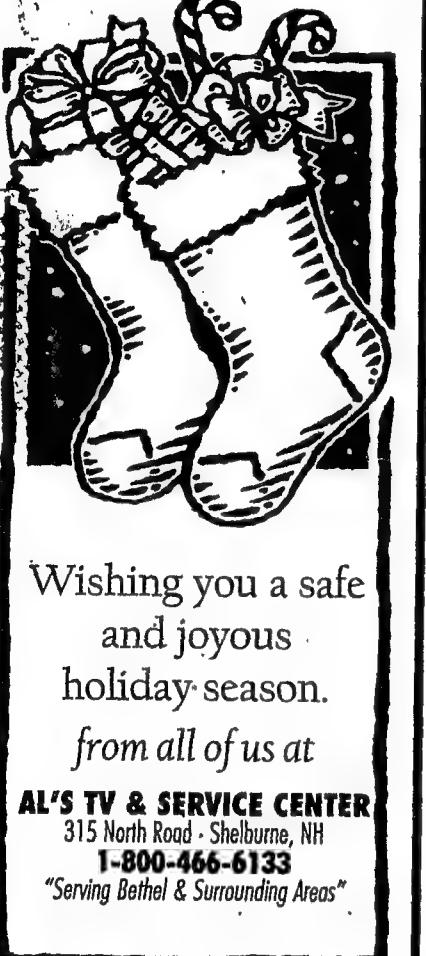
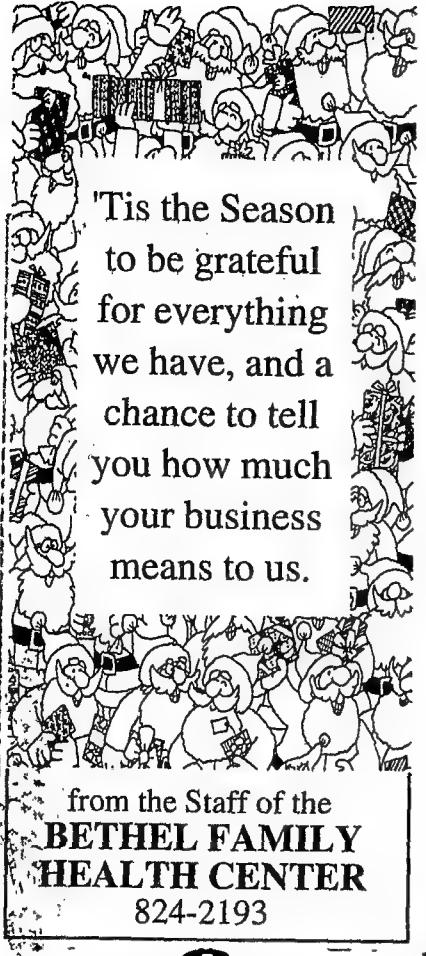
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## The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published here by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

The magic of Christmas is beginning to fill the air. The top 40 radio stations share the airwaves with Britney Spears and O Holy Night. The shops on Main Street twinkle and sparkle with holiday finery. Moms and dads watch with pride as their little shepherds and angles perform well-rehearsed lines in school plays. Wreaths and holly adorn home and hearth.

Ah yes, the magic of Christmas is everywhere.

You can certainly see it in the eyes of your auto mechanic when his diagnostic thingamajig lights up like a Christmas tree and he tells you that it looks like you've blown a head gasket and it's going to cost you a pretty penny.

You can see it in the Grinch-like smile of the oil burner repairman when he tells you he can't nurse your ailing furnace back to health.

Magically these things that have limped along all year on band-aids and prayers, cripple and die the same day you find out you are not getting a Christmas bonus.

But no matter, you're feeling pretty smug because smart shopper that you are, you put all your Christmas presents on lay-away months ago. You paid faithfully every week and the day you make the last payment everything you bought magically goes on sale at 50 percent off.

You want to give that someone special the perfect gift to express those feelings you can't quite verbalize. So you shop and shop and you look through catalog after catalog until you found "it" and no matter that "it" cost an arm and leg because there is nothing else quite like "it".

You are very pleased with yourself and you fantasize about the look of surprise when your special someone opens "it" and it makes you tingle just to think of it. Then, magically, your special someone shows up with "it" telling you they just couldn't resist buying "it" because they have wanted "it" all their life.

The kids have been pleading and begging to get a Christmas tree, so you finally give in and spend all day looking at trees. But they're too short or too tall, too fat or too thin, you get pitch on your hands, pine needles in your hair and you smell like the lost forest. But you finally find the perfect tree.

You get this evergreen beauty home only to discover that once in the house it has the wingspan of a 747. It takes an hour to trim the branches and another hour of Mickey Mouse inventions to get it to fit in the stand that is too small.

Another hour is spent untangling and testing and stringing the lights.

The kids hang the decorations with much excitement and holiday spirit and as long last O Tannenbaum is decorated. You plug in the lights and step back to admire the beauty and, magically, only half the lights that you just tested are on; there is a huge gap right in the front and the darn tree leans at least six inches to the left.

You send the kids to a movie with Dad so you can get the presents wrapped and under the tree. You settle comfortably in the middle of the living room floor surrounded by gifts, wrapping paper, bows and tape. You are feeling pretty good in spite of everything and you hum a Christmas carol.

Magically the packages seem to have changed shape from when you bought them and are impossible to wrap, you can't remember where you hid half of the presents, you forgot to buy tags and the tape is stuck to the roll and you can't find the scissors.

You have finally gotten the evening chores done and the kids are tucked in bed. It has been a long hard day and you are exhausted. You just settle down in front of the TV, shoes off, feet up. It is 9:30 pm. Magically, little Dougie appears before you with tears in his eyes. He forgot to tell you that he has to take four dozen cupcakes to school the next day for the Christmas party and if it wouldn't be too hard, could you make Santa faces on them?

Once again you get comfortable in the easy chair and start to doze off and little Renee climbs onto your lap. She can't sleep and wants you to tell her a Christmas story. So you tell her how when you were her age you made bells from egg cartons and tin foil and you hung them from all the windows with red ribbon. You promise her that you and her and Dougie will do the same thing tomorrow.

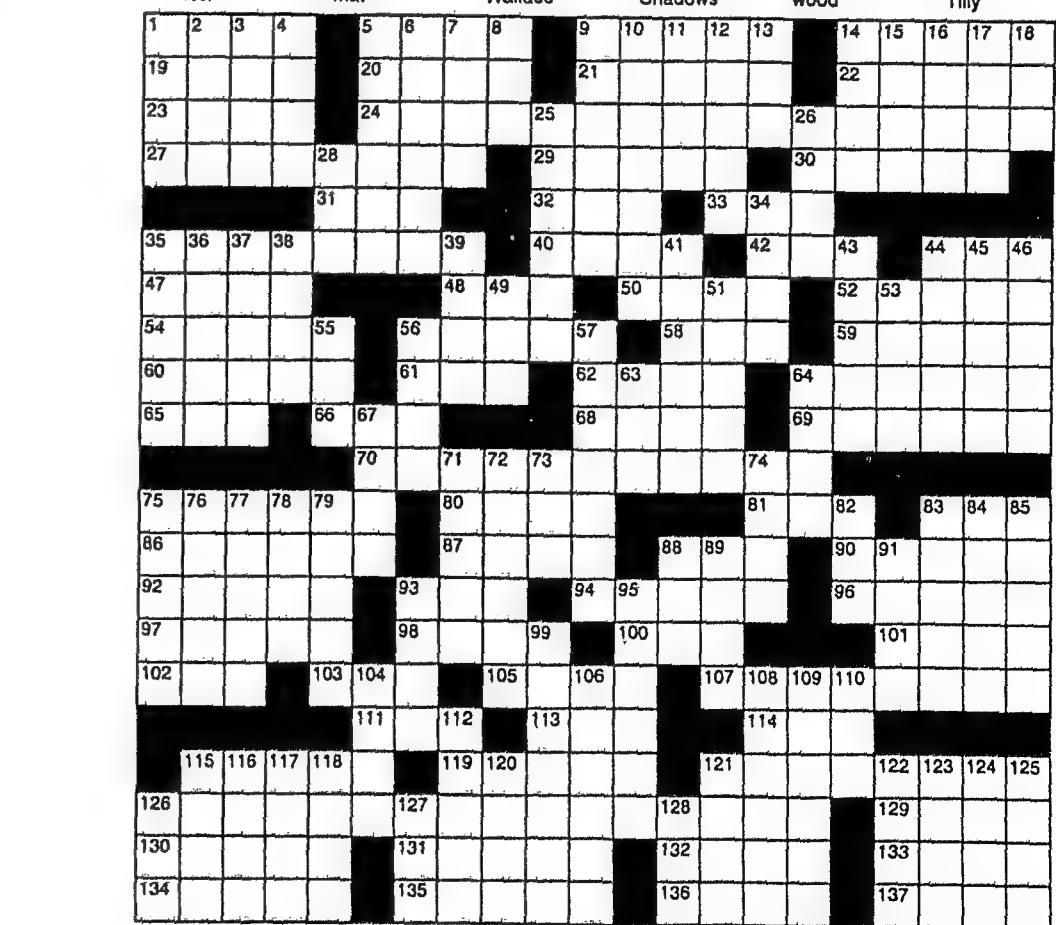
She looks up at you and yawns and says, "I love you Mommy" and drifts off to sleep in the safe secure crook of your arm, the same arm that cradled and rocked her and her brother when they were just little infants.

You kiss her head and magically the love of your children fills your heart and a tear slips down your cheek and the way I see it, there is no better magic for Christmas or the whole year through.

Author's note: Wishing all of you the most magical Christmas ever!

## Super Crossword

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# Community Calendar



## Events Calendar

**Public Computer Access** — The SAD44 Public Access Computer Lab is located at the Adult Learning Center, Philbrook Street, Bethel. The lab is open for public use by adults during the times listed, at no charge. All lab users must abide by the SAD44 Acceptable Use Policy and the rules posted in the lab. Vacation Hours: Dec. 20 thru Dec. 29, open every night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., except Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1. Regular Hours starting Jan. 2: Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sundays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; closed Saturdays.

**Thursday, Dec. 21**  
6 p.m. — Jackson-Silver American Legion Post and Auxiliary Family Christmas Party at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills.

**Saturday, Dec. 23**  
5 p.m. — Bethel's Living Nativity (originally scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17, but postponed due to inclement weather) will take place on Bethel common.

2 to 4 p.m. — Free wagon rides in Bethel Village. Meet at Bethel Fire Station.

River Ride #1 at Sunday River Ski Resort. USASA sanctioned slope style competition open to any skier and snowboarder. Prizes.

6 to 7:30 p.m. — Christmas Caroling on Main Street with the Bethel Alliance Church. Meet at gazebo on Bethel common. All singers welcome. (824-2289)

8 to 11:30 p.m. — Old-Fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall, with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds will go to Greenwood Historical Society.

4 p.m. — The 19th annual Live Nativity will be staged in front of Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford. Fifty costumed participants, singers, live animals and an inn. Public welcome. Afterward enjoy chowder dinner in church dining hall. No charge.

**Sunday, Dec. 24**  
Starting 10 a.m. — Snowmobile rides with Santa at Sun Valley Sports, Sunday River Road. (824-7533)

7 p.m. — Christmas Eve candlelight service at Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26.

7 p.m. and 11 p.m. — Christmas Eve services at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. 7 p.m. readings and carols; 11 p.m. candlelight and communion.

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**  
7 p.m. — Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co., sponsored by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Services, will perform at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3, or \$7 and \$5 at the door. For more information, call 824-3575.

**Thursday, Dec. 28**  
Fireworks at Sunday River Ski Resort. For information, call 824-3000.

**Friday, Dec. 29**  
6 and 8:30 p.m. shows — Maine humorist Tim

Sample will be featured at Rawding Studios, Main Street Center for the Arts, Norway. Tickets available at Grass Roots Graphics, Norway, or by calling 743-1884. Show date is Jan. 15, same times.

### Saturday, Dec. 30

7 p.m. — National Marionette Theatre's Sorcerer's Apprentice will perform at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Skiway, sponsored by the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: adults, \$5; children under 12, \$3 or \$7/\$5 at door. For more information, call 824-3575.

### Sunday, Dec. 31

Starting 6 p.m. — Third annual "New Year's Bethel" celebration. Affordable, chemical-free festival. Fireworks, Programs and advance tickets available by calling 824-2908.

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. — New Year's Dance with music provided by Richard Felt's Orchestra. Buffet lunch at 9:45 p.m. Tickets: \$8.50 each. Proceeds will benefit the Greenwood Historical Society.

New Year's Eve Snowmobile Rid and Dine from Sun Valley Sports, Sunday River Road, to The Great Grizzly. For reservations, contact Sun Valley Sports at 824-7533 or 877-851-7533.

Fireworks at Sunday River Ski Resort (huge Millennial Spectacular). For information, call 824-3000.

### Monday, Jan. 1

Community Ski Day for SAD44 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort. New this year, residents will also receive 50 percent discount at cafeterias and restaurants.

Bottle Drive, a fundraiser for Region 9 students of SAD21, 43 and 44 to visit The Art Institute, Boston, on May 7-9, to attend classes in computer technology. Students will go door to door, or area residents may drop off bottles at Region 9, 375 River Road, Mexico. For more information, call 364-3764.

1 p.m. — 17th annual "Carter's Last Stand" Skim freestyle race (entry fee \$10), Intervale Road, Bethel. Rossignol Demo Day. Free demos, hats and posters. Call (207) 539-4848 for information.

### Saturday, Jan. 6

Carter's Moonlight Yuba Snowshoe Hike, Intervale Road, Bethel. Call (207) 539-4848.

### Wednesday, Jan. 10

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting at The Sudbury Inn. Price of dinner: \$7. Members are reminded that dues are payable at this meeting. New members welcome.

### Saturday, Jan. 20

Bethel's Polar Bear Plunge into the Androscoggin River at Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Campground. Come as a participant or a spectator. Hot cocoa and food for everyone. For more information, call 824-2282.

### Jan. 22-28

World Cup Freestyle Championships at Sunday River Ski Resort and Bethel's International Cuisine Week. Over 16 local and area restaurants and lodgings will offer fares from many foreign countries. For more dining information, please call 824-2282.

## Church Services

### Bethel

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation), 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service, 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 4:30 p.m. 743-2606. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service, 824-2289.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school. For info, call 836-2844 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship, 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Third Sunday each month at the Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, at 4 p.m. For more information, call 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: Clayton Sweat 824-8289.

### Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service, 665-3133.

Unitarian Universalist—Every other Sunday, 10 a.m. (starting Oct. 8)

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

### Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Morning worship service 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday evening Praise Service, 7 p.m.; Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite, 392-1121.

### Gorham, N.H.

Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

### Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

### East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

### Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

### Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study Thursday evenings at Pastor Gammon's home in Woodstock.

### Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

North Paris Federated Church—Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. (First Sunday of each month, Singspiration alternating between NPFC and West Paris Baptist).

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

### Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

### West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June), 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist—Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (First Sunday of each month, Singspiration alternating between North Paris and West Paris Baptist).

West Paris Congregational Church—Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

### Summer

East Sumner Congregational—Sunday service, 9 a.m.

## Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardiner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August, Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Hannum Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

## Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April. (E)

Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BP at Bethel Fire Station.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m. (Will meet third Monday for several months to work on comprehensive plan only.)

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Frank Gibson home, North Road, Bethel, at 7 p.m.

# Television Listings

**THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2000**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!			Frasier	Mad	Spin City	Spin City		
(32) Polar Bears	Frosty's	Movie: "Special Delivery"			Garth Brooks		700 Club			
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Weber	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	ER		News		
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		Primetime Thursday		News		
(10) News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Mystery!	Rumpole of the Bailey		To Contrary	Business			
(22) College Basketball	Wake Forest at Temple	College Basketball: Illinois at Missouri			Sportscenter					
(34) Martial Law	Classic Christmas	Movie: "The Man Upstairs"			Martial Law					
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	A Home for the Holidays	City of Angels	48 Hours		News				
(41) New England Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks			Sports	Sports	Basketball				
(15) Movie: "I.Q." Cont'd	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Jakob the Liar"		GString	NFL					
(17) "The Ultimate Christmas Present"	Movie: "The Other Me!"	Movie: "Model Behavior"								
(18) Braveheart	Movie: "Die Hard With a Vengeance"	Movie: "The Last Seduction"								
(20) NHL Hockey	Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins			ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews			
(44) Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Change of Heart"		Golden	Golden					
(5) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Vegas Vacation"		Movie: "Pink Cadillac"						
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Spongeb	Kenan-Kel	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts-Life	Facts-Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	
(25) Three Stooges	Movie: "Love With the Proper Stranger"	Movie: "Dragonslayer"								
(26) JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: "I Come in Peace"		Martin	Martin					
(27) Law & Order	Biography	Behind Closed Doors		Investigative Reports	Law & Order					
(12) Fresh Pr.	Suddenly	Movie: "Kundun"		Hawaii Five-O	In the Heat of the Night					
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline				

**FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 22, 2000**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	Freedom	Level 9		Frasier	Mad	Spin City	Spin City		
(32) "Babes in Toyland"	Life of Santa Claus	All-Star Winter Celebration: The Nobel Concert			700 Club					
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence	Dateline	Law & Order		News				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Two Guys	Norm	Madigan	Hype		News		
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Served	Served	Served		
(22) College Basketball	Tennessee at Syracuse	College Basketball: Indiana at Kentucky			Sportscenter					
(34) Martial Law	Championship Rodeo	Rollerjam		Motor Madness		Martial Law				
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Fugitive	CSI: Crime Scn	Nash Bridges		News				
(41) NBA Action	Slant	Women's College Basketball: Tennessee at Texas	National Sports Report	Sports	Last Word					
(15) Inside the NFL	"Substitute 3: The Winner Takes All"	Movie: "Second Skin"		Shock Video 2001: A Sex						
(17) Heartbeat	Movie: "The Brainiacs.com"	Honey We Shrunk	MusicVids	Heartbeat	So Weird					
(18) "True Crime" Cont'd	Movie: "Mercy!"	Movie: "Deep Blue Sea"								
(20) Front Row-Fenway	College Basketball: Dartmouth at Minnesota	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews					
(44) American Teacher Awards		Figure Skating: NHK Trophy		Once and Again						
(5) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Sister Act"		Movie: "Sixteen Candles"						
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Cousin Skeeter	Skeeter	Facts-Life	Facts-Life	3's Co.	3's Co.			
(25) Three Stooges	Movie: "The Seven-Ups"	Cinema	Movie: "The Invisible Man"							
(26) JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: "Hush"		Farmclub.com						
(27) Law & Order	Biography	Competition	Poirot		Law & Order					
(12) Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Superman III"		News		In the Heat of the Night					
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Unconventional Wisdom	Sports	Moneyline				

**SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 2000**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Spin City	Movie: "Hero"		Star Trek: Voyager		Maximum Exposure				
(32) Movie: "The Christmas Path"		Movie: "The Night They Saved Christmas"		"Miracle on 34th Street"						
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Movie: "Little Women"			News	Sat. Night				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Mr. Holland's Opus"			News	Prerunner				
(10) Made In	Opinion	Ballykissangel	Antiques Roadshow	Christmas at St. Olaf	Red Green	Robot Wars				
(22) Sportsctr.	NFL 2Night	NFL Football: Buffalo Bills at Seattle Seahawks			Sportsctr.					
(34) "The Man Upstairs"	Backstage	Grand Opry	Glen Campbell Christmas	Christmas Time	Backstage	Grand Opry				
(13) Entertainment Tonight	Story of Santa Claus	Nutliest Nutcracker	District		News					
(41) You See This!	NBA Action	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks		Sports	See This					
(15) Movie: "Home Alone"		Movie: "Drive Me Crazy"		Movie: "Cruel Intentions"						
(17) Heartbeat	Movie: "Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century"	"The Ultimate Christmas Present"		Heartbeat	So Weird					
(18) "The Haunting" Cont'd	Movie: "Escape From Alcatraz"	Movie: "Mean Girls"								
(20) NHL Hockey	Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins			ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews				
(44) "Range of Motion" Cont'd	Movie: "A Mother's Prayer"		Beyond Chance		Strong Medicine					
(5) "Corrina, Corrina" Cont'd	Movie: "Michael"			Movie: "Honeymoon in Vegas"						
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Eddie	All That	Facts-Life	Facts-Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	
(25) "Eight Men Out" Cont'd	Movie: "Breaking Away"			Movie: "Wild, Wild Winter"						
(26) Movie: "The Paper"		Movie: "Wild Things"		Silk Stalkings						
(27) Behind Closed Doors	Biography		Poirot							
(12) Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons		News		Darkside	Final Count				
(39) Capital	Sports	Worldview	Movers	Larry King Weekend	Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight			

**SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 2000**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) A Little Piece of Heaven	Movie: "The Muppet Christmas Carol"		Star Trek: Voyager		WCW World					
(32) Rudolph's-New Year	Santa Is Coming to Town	Without Santa	Jack Frost		Life of Santa Claus					
(6) Movie: "Alice in Wonderland"		Movie: "Beán"			News	Cmas Eve				
(8) Twas the Night Before Christmas		Be a Millionaire	Practice		News					
(10) Sounds of the Season	Arthur's-Cmas	Christmas Gloria	Cincinnati Pops Holiday	Mystery!						
(22) Sportsctr.	NFL Primetime	College Football: Oahu Bowl - Georgia vs. Virginia								
(34) Outdoors	Outdoor	Remington Hunting	PRCA Rodeo		Outdoors	NASCAR	Car			
(13) 60 Minutes	Touched by an Angel	Movie: "Mrs. Santa Claus"		News						
(41) Goin' Deep		Best of Sunday Night Fights: Year In Review		Obermann		Sports	Last Word			
(15) "The Muse" Cont'd	Sopranos	Sopranos		Movie: "Galaxy Quest"						
(17) BoyWorld	So Weird	Movie: "A Mom for Christmas"	Holidays In Concert	MusicVids	Boy-World	So Weird				
(18) "One Good Cop" Cont'd	Movie: "New Jack City"		Movie: "Blue Streak"							
(20) Fan Attic: Boston College/Providence		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews				
(44) "The Christmas Wish"	Movie: "Unlikely Angel"		Movie: "On the Second Day of Christmas"							
(5) Movie: "Michael" Cont'd	Movie: "The Goonies"		Movie: "My Girl"					</td		

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A dinner was served, and the play cakes were furnished by Sue Saunders and Tillie Meyers. Music was provided by Richie Felt and Dot Canwell. Carolers did a reading. Jane Hostet presented Helen Saunders from the club in appreciation her nine years of service to the club. Santa arrived after dinner with helpers, Cecile Lessault, Lillie Meyers and Cheryl Thibaut, distributed gifts to all. The meeting will be Jan. 10 at the Sun Inn. Price of the dinner will be \$17.

December birthdays are: Julia Brown, Musa Brown, Brenda Buckmilla Everett, Bertha Foster, Ward Hosterman, Gertrude Hutch, Ruby Judkins, Mary Paindith Rowe, Sarah Stevens, Ruelair and Edna York.

Meers are reminded that dues are payable at the January meeting. New members are welcome.

## From the

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This is the final weekend of free wagon rides. Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m., you may enjoy a true New England experience and ride slowly around the village, enjoying the beautiful holiday decorations, either before or after you finish up your holiday shopping. Many thanks to W.J. Wheeler Co. and Megalink for sponsoring the wagon rides the past couple weeks. Also on Saturday, we will enjoy the traditional "Living Nativity" on the Bethel Common at 5 p.m. (it was postponed due to the inclement weather last Sunday.) The Bethel Alliance Church invites you all to go Christmas caroling with them at 6 p.m. Please meet on the gazebo.

## Notes from

*SAD44 Adult Ed*

The SAD44 Adult Education program is expanding hours at the Computer Lab at the Adult Learning Center on Philbrook Street in Bethel to meet heavy demands for use during the ski season. A generous donation from the College for Lifelong Learning will be used to help support the additional staffing. The lab will be open for use during the upcoming vacation week during the following hours: Dec. 20 through 29, open every night except Dec. 23, 24 and 25 and Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1. The hours are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Academic Skills and Educational and Career programs at the Learning Center will not be available during the vacation week and the Telstar Adult Education office and ITV site will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.

The Adult Learning Center and the Computer Lab will resume regular hours starting Jan. 2 and will be open Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (lab only); Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursdays 2:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (lab only); Sundays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (lab only); closed Saturdays.

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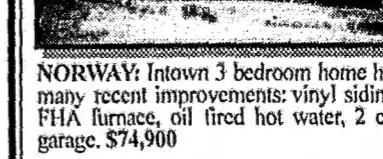
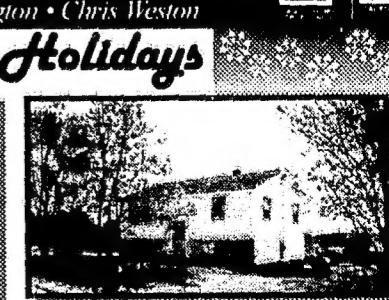
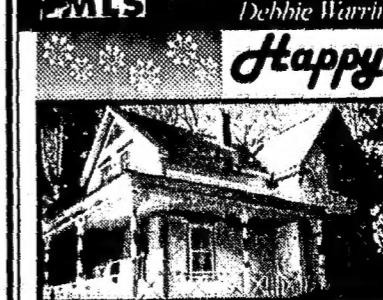
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